

House Resolution No. 2575

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize a state employee who has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to helping this institution provide its services and perform its duties in the efficient, effective manner expected by the public; and

Whereas, Barbara Mertens of Jefferson City, Missouri, has attained distinction as an Executive I with House Research in the state capitol since January 1997; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, Barbara Mertens will enhance her already impressive list of accomplishments with a well-deserved Outstanding Employee Recognition Award in light of her exceptional contributions to the legislative process; and

Whereas, Barbara Mertens is universally hailed as a highly competent, highly dedicated, and completely positive member of the House Research staff who insists on maintaining quality of work, never takes shortcuts, is often one of the last people to leave at the end of the day, takes responsibility for solving problems, performs needed actions to get work done, never complains, is always upbeat and positive, builds morale, never demands credit or recognition for her selfless actions, and joyfully helps anyone who contacts the office; and

Whereas, a legislator assistant for ten years to Representative Kaye Steinmetz and Representative Steve Gaw, Barbara Mertens is especially proficient in aiding legislator assistants whose work she understands so well; and

Whereas, Barbara Mertens is the beloved wife of George Mertens; loving mother of Melissa, Matthew, Michelle, and Mindy; and wonderful grandmother of Kody, Kolin, Kaleb, and Kaitlyn, all of whom are justifiably proud of her long association with St. Martin's Catholic Church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the conscientious, thorough, exemplary approach to work so diligently demonstrated by Barbara Mertens in House Research and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon her receipt of a 2003 Outstanding Employee Recognition Award and our best wishes for continued personal and professional success now and in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Barbara Mertens of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway
District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2575, adopted May 7, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker